thorough checking of all incoming and outcoming vehicles near the Airport, etc.

Rates for STD calls made after 11 P.M.

3932. PROF ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the rates for STD calls made between 11.00 P.M. and 4.00 A.M.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the new Stations proposed to be connected with STD during 1991 in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The following stations in Maharashtra are proposed to be provided with the STD facility during the remaining part of the year *i.e* upto 31.12.1991, subject to the availability of the equipment.—

Paithan, Murtizapur, Chalisgaon, Savda, Katol, Nagothane, Karjat, Bhuinj, Pen, & Igatpuri.

Migration of Hindus from Pakistan and Bangladesh

3933. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindus who have migrated to India from Banlgadesh and Pakistan during 1989, 1990 and 1991 so far, separately alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to stop such migration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Bangladesh nationals including Hindus, who have entered India after 25th March, 1971 without valid travel documents, are treated as infiltrators. Since they enter surreptitiously and go undergound, it is not possible to determine how many such persons have come to India. There are standing instructions to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport infilitrators.

According to the reports received from the various State Governments and the concerned agencies, there is no significant migration of Hindus from Pakistan. Hindus, like other Pakistani nationals, visit India with valid travel documents. While some of them return to Pakistan, others apply for long them stay facilities in India. No separate statistics of Pakistani Hindus visiting India on valid travel documents has been maintained.

Closure of Indian Embassy in Kuwait

3934. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Embassy in Kuwait remained closed for some time during the Gulf war;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has since started functioning;

(d) if so, since when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any reduction in the number of Indians working in the Embassy after the Gulf war; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir because the Iraqi occupation authorities made its normal functioning impossible.

(c) to (e) following the liberation of Kuwait, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait, resumed functioning from March 28, 1991.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The details are as under:

Pre-occupation:

India based : 31

Local based : 24